

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5, 21 and 36. Please amend claims 1, 16 and 31 as follows, respectively:

1. (Amended) A method for calibrating a biometric authentication device over time comprising the steps of:

obtaining an authenticating biometric value from an actual biometric measurement;
adaptably weighting the authenticating biometric value; and
integrating the adaptably weighted authenticating biometric value into an authenticating template.

16. (Amended) A device employing a biometric access system, said access system being adaptable to changes in a user's biometric over time, said device adapting to said changes by using the steps of:

obtaining an authenticating biometric value from an actual biometric measurement;
adaptably weighting the authenticating biometric value; and
integrating the adaptably weighted authenticating biometric value into an authenticating template.

31. (Amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions for controlling calibration of a biometric marker for use in a biometric authentication device, by:

obtaining an authenticating biometric value from an actual biometric measurement;
adaptably weighting the authenticating biometric value; and
integrating the adaptably weighted authenticating biometric value into an authenticating
template.